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residence occurs.THAT COTTON CARGO FOR THE  
GERMANS.

The fact has been published in the public press for some weeks that Germany would take a million bales of cotton and pay 20 cents a pound therefor. The price looked good to President Pope of the Texas Farmers' Union, and he has been diligently at work in an effort to secure this rich offer for Texas cotton raisers. He can get the cotton, but how to deliver it in a German port is the question balking the enterprise. He now announces that sufficient progress has been made to give the matter a trial and the first ship load will be forwarded in a few weeks. Concerning the matter the Galveston News says:

"Mr. Pope does not seem to harbor a very sanguine hope that the cargo of cotton which the Farmers' Union is going to consign to a European belligerent two months hence will ever reach its destination. Indeed, he seems to suspect, or perhaps we should say, to fear, that it will be deflected into a British harbor and brought within the jurisdiction of a British prize court. In that case, the farmers who contribute the cotton to make this celebrated cargo would have to wait some considerable time to get its value in only the expenses of the experiment, which Mr. Pope estimates will be at the rate of 4c a pound. The sixteen other cents per pound of German money is to be held in bank till the cotton shall have been delivered at its consigned destination. In the probable event that the cotton shall miss its destination, the farmers will have only their experience, plus a claim against the British government, each in proportion to his contribution toward the cargo. These claims will be valid and solvent; but the claimants may have to wait some time for liquidation. As a commercial venture, the proposition lacks much of being attractive.

But its political diplomatic possibilities are large and resplendent. The world was first acquainted with it at the moment Congress was assembling. This may be an innocent circumstance. It may be an equally innocent circumstance that, according to the chronology of it as set forth by Mr. Pope, the climax is due at that hour when our politics will be at a high and impressionable temperament. Mr. Pope even says that, although the vessel that is to make this voyage has been engaged tentatively, it will be two months, in all likelihood, before it gets under way. Add to two months the time it would probably take for the vessel to find its way into a British prize court, and one will see that the denouement is very apt to fall out at an hour when our diplomacy must be both circumspect and vehement if it would manifest a due and expeditious deference to our agrarian susceptibilities.

"It is unlikely that the Germans expect to get much cotton as a result of this clever enterprise. They doubtless need the cotton, and would rejoice to have either a million or a hundred bales. But there are other hopes that

are less likely to suffer disappointment. They may marshal a tremendous political power behind their demand that the United States break the British blockade. The president may be unmoved by this pressure, as, indeed, we imagine he will. But even if this minor hope shall be disappointed, there will still be left the chance that resentment may be wrought to a pitch which will destroy the political life of the president. And the realization of even this minimum hope would probably repay them in gratification for the monetary cost of the enterprise."

## OPEN THE DOORS.

It does the world good to open its doors and take in the season's greetings. Business goes on all the happier because there is a warm, charitable feeling in a man's soul toward his employer or employees or acquaintances. We are all so busy we are apt to forget to be considerate, forgiving and kind. It is well to let the brain rest and allow the heart to rule sometimes, or men may lose the faculty of loving and being charitable.

The Christmas feeling is good for heart disease, and for head disease, also. It would be a far better world if it continued all the year round. Millions of people are unhappy without any cause for it. They loosen up and feel better once a year—at Christmas time. Now herein is a lesson. Why not cultivate the Christmas spirit as a remedy for discontent and disagreement in the family all the year round? why not?—Smithville Times.

Buck, a good friend, sent us today a liberal quantity of collard greens, upon which several heavy frosts had rested during the past two weeks. It is useless to attempt to convey to you the delight this scribe will experience when he connects with the said collards tomorrow. If it didn't cost so much to "Possum Post" you a few of them we'd do it.—Navasota Examiner.

Looks like you would send us a "mess," for we know, with this Christmas spirit on, your sanctum is so crowded with the good things "sent in," you have not elbow room to write your acknowledgements.

The Lufkin News, remarking on the fact that the European war is now costing the various nations 680,000,000 every twenty-four hours, says the combined wealth of Angelina County would keep the thing going about two hours. There is a confirmation in a small way of the Eagle's contention that exhaustion would be the cause finally ending the war. When Angelina County spent her two hours' worth she would have to quit. When the warring nations are exhausted, and they are already feeling the strain, they will have to quit, too.

## 1914-1915

The first Sunday in October, 1914, was set apart as a day of prayer for peace in Europe—and now, after fourteen months more of carnage, many have become so calloused by war reports or so interested in war loans or the sale of war material that big newspapers make fun of those who talk of peace. A big change since 1914!

The Galveston News wants to know who gave Texas a judicial system with two "highest" courts in it? No one. The framers of the constitution intended to create one supreme court, whose voice should be final. The trouble is some of the judges of the inferior courts have been feeding on the meat that Caesar ate, and feel that they have surpassed even old Lycurgus himself. In other words, the tail is trying to wag the dog.

It is very ungallant in the Galveston News, we think, to insinuate that the burglary business is stimulated by the housewives spending so little time at home.

Col. George Bailey of the Houston Post says no doubt some of the Texas editors will swell up with indignation because of the fact that Governor Ferguson on his trip East, called on men who are worth over \$7.50.

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## WISE AND OTHERWISE.

Pessimist—Is he prosperous? Optimist—Is he? Why, he owes twice what he owns.—Judge.

Those who plot the destruction of others often fail themselves.—Phaedrus.

Edith—Would you marry a man to reform him? Alice—Not if I could get a man who didn't need reforming.—Boston Transcript.

"Does not the illimitable ocean vista take you out of yourself?" "No, it is the motion of the boat that does that."—Houston Post.

Riches either serve or govern the possessor.—Horace.

If thou art something bring thy soul and interchange with mine.—Schiller.

Life is a short day, but it is a working day. Activity may lead to evil, but inactivity cannot be led to good.—Hannah More.

"Could you all lend me a grindstone? You haven't an ax." "No; ner I ain't got no wood to chop yit, ner no chicken an' cornbread to cook over de fire. But you got to do one thing at a time in dis life, an' I jes' natchelly had to stahst somewhere."—Washington Star.

"Is he a student?" "No." "Why are you so sure?" "Oh, I was in his room. There is no September Morn' picture there. No copy of Snappy Stories. He has no House Rules hanging on the wall. There were several copies of the Literary Digest and no ash trays. What more do you want?"—Penn State Froth.

Science sees signs; poetry the thing signified.—J. C. and A. W. Hare.

"Doctor," called the small boy, "come up to our house quick." "Who is sick at your house?" asked the doctor. "Everybody but me. I'd been so naughty, so they wouldn't give me any of the nice mushrooms pa picked in the woods."—New York American.

## THE CITY SCHOOLS.

Walton R. Cole, one of the best boys the Bryan High School ever graduated, was here to see us the other day. Walton is making a record at the University of Texas and we are proud of him. The world will hear of him.

Lois Pipkin, class of '15, reached home from Baylor University yesterday and came to see us the same day. Baylor has already found out why we think so much of her personally and as a pupil. We never graduated a better pupil.

After eleven years in the Bryan public schools, when the bell rang the other day, Lucy Harrison, just home from the College of Industrial Arts, came to school again. At college honors and recognition came to her, just as they always do wherever she works. Everybody was glad to see her.

Three big-hearted, whole-souled young-men, members of last year's graduating class, were here yesterday. They were Noah Dansby, from A. and M. College; Walter Holmes, from Tyler Commercial College, and George R. Wicker, editor in chief of Volume I, High School Annual, also from Tyler. We did not call it a visit—we called it coming home. There is always a cordial greeting for Bryan High School pupils returning home.

Professor Thomas Fletcher, M. A., University of Texas, was here the other day on his rounds of inspecting schools whose work is acceptable to the highest universities. As is generally known, Bryan High School is on the accredited list of the University of Texas.

With an average of 97 and a grade of 100 on the efficiency test on arithmetic which the expert, Dr. Strayer of Teachers' College, New York, has been giving in school surveys, Eugene Edge is dreaming of reindeers, sleigh bells, stocking and Christmas.

Of the thirty-six pupils who took the tenth grade English examination last week, thirty-three passed and only three failed. That tells something of the efficiency of our schools. Of the three who failed, two were new pupils from other schools. So, you see, of those prepared in our schools, only one fell short on that English. The highest grade on it was made by Alma Holden and was 96.

Forty-two ninth grade pupils took the English examination and thirty-eight of them passed. The highest grade was 98, earned by Maude Brown. The marks on eleventh grade geometry were as follows:

Leslie Ballard	100
Charles Cole	100
George Davidson	95
Hettie Edge	85
Ethel Evans	80
Alex Harris	94
Edna Harris	90
Henry Harrison	90
Arno Henderson	100
Velma Hensarling	85
Jack Hyland	97
Ardella Jones	70
Myrtle McCullough	97
Louis McCullough	82
Frances Mike	85
Tillman Moore	92
Dean Osborn	69
Elbert Robinson	90
Ruby Shaw	70
Floy Smith	80
Frank Shramek	68
Edel Thompson	68
Willie Pat Withers	62
Amelia Wittman	75
Stella Woodard	92
Gertrude Yeager	95

## BEES MADE HIM WEALTHY.

In Farm and Fireside we read of a man who became well-to-do through beekeeping.

"To a friendly impulse to help out an old neighbor who had fallen upon evil times and was compelled to move away, Bell E. Berryman, a retired business man of Merrick County, Nebraska, owes the possession of the largest apiary in his State, and the control of a most profitable business. Falling health had compelled Mr. Berryman to quit business and the loss of his wife had left him a lonely and prematurely old man.

Last year Mr. Berryman marketed 20,000 pounds of honey, at an average price that meant over \$3,000 for his year's pleasant work. Not only did he derive a fine income from his apiary, but he has drawn from it a draft of healing tonic that has completely restored him to health. Retiring from his store at fifty-four years of age, with apparently a brief span of life left to him, as a result of too close attention to indoor affairs, he is today perfectly well and happy."

## ANOTHER BURGLARY.

The ticket office of the International & Great Northern Railroad Company at College was burglarized Tuesday night. The cash drawer was rifled, but only a few coppers were secured. The burglar effected an entrance to the office by forcing the lock on the door. The case has been reported to the officers. The burglary was committed just after the agent is reported to have sold a number of tickets to the cadets, but luckily the money was all placed in the safe.

A TRIP THROUGH  
GRAND CANAL.

Venice, Dec. 23.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—Take a gondola for a trip through the Grand Canal during these war days, and one sees many changes in the centers of interest well known to travelers and readers—the war dress of the homes of Lord Byron and the composer Wagner, of the poet Browning and the American writer W. D. Howells, the romantic palace where Desdemona waited for Othello, and further along, in the market quarter near the Rialto bridge, the house of Shylock, the quaint building standing there unchanged to day, but now used as a butcher's shop where a lusty Italian butcher exacts Shylock war prices of 99 cents a kilo for the pounds of flesh dealt over the counter.

Starting from the quay San Marco, the broad lagoons entering the Grand Canal have an air of martial and naval preparation rather than the usual carnival aspect which marks this center. The quays are lined with soldiers and sailors, and the gondolas are carrying loads of war supplies back and forth and transporting troops and marines from point to point while the launches from the warships dart in and out among the gondolas.

Ordinarily there are 2,600 gondolas in regular service—600 private and 2,000 public—but only a very few of these remain in use owing to the terror inspired by the bomb raids. Most of the wealthy residents have hurriedly left for the south, and there are no tourists to make use of the public gondolas. Only one first class hotel remains open, and half of it is given over to a hospital for the wounded brought in from the nearby fighting lines.

Entering the Grand Canal, the great domes of Santa Maria della Salute stand out on the left, but always with their war trappings, for here is located the headquarters of the army Red Cross, where most of the work of the field hospitals is regulated. The palace Venier next to the church is similarly used for army hospital administration, and the Red Cross flags are flying everywhere, as a warning of immunity from bomb raids. Further up the Canal on the right is the house of Desdemona. Just what Desdemona did in her day is a matter of tradition and Shakespearean romance. Now the old palace is occupied by a rich merchant family who have fled to the south; the curtains are drawn, the lower windows guarded by steel shutters and the gardens neglected.

On the left of the Canal is a row of palaces often occupied by prominent American families. Two of these, the palace Balbi-Valier and the Polignac, are closed and closely shuttered, while most of the others in the quarter are partially abandoned. Opposite this group is the palace Fallier where W. D. Howells lived while he wrote his scenes from Venetian life. It is one of the few places still showing life and activity, and the well-kept gardens are full of flowers which hang into the canals flanking it in front and along one side. Just across the Grand Canal is the palace Rezzonico, where Robert Browning lived and died. Usually this is a very gay quarter, with crowds of gondolas passing, and the palaces alive with brilliant entertainment. But now all is silent and lugubrious, and the few gondolas creep along like Indian canoes on a deserted river.

One touch of life has been given to this quarter by some American artists who have pulled down an old palace and built a very showy front reaching down to the water. The bright yellow and red are in marked contrast with the sombre palaces all around. The military escort accompanying the party pointed out an abandoned garden with a fine old palace built only to the first story.

"There is a story there," said the military escort. "That palace was begun by a son of one of the Doges. But the son got to gambling, lost all his money and mortgaged the palace yet unfinished. And so the old Doge ordered that all work on the palace should be stopped, and never again started, as an everlasting warning against gambling. And there it stands today, after four hundred years, just as it stood when work was stopped, still giving its warning."

Further along on the left, is the gray stone building used as the Austrian Embassy, until Italy declared war against Austria. The flagstaff which used to bear the Austrian color stretched over the Canal, but the place is deserted. Up a side canal is the former German Embassy, also deserted. They were two of the most active centers of entertainment and official exchange during peace times.

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